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Sent: 1/21/2020 5:27:45 PM
To: [Nonresponsive based on revised scope]@epa.gov
Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY: The News Journal Media Group (Sussex Co) - Blades clean-up follow-up questions

It's up now. Thanks!

From: [Nonresponsive based on revised scope]@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Baker, Lorie <Baker.Lorie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY: The News Journal Media Group (Sussex Co) - Blades clean-up follow-up questions

Hi Lorie,

I just uploaded the new document—it should take about 5-10 mins for the changes to reflect on SEMS and SEMSPub. I'm heading out to a meeting right now but if you need further assistance with this before I return around 1:30 you can call the Records Center again and ask for [Nonresponsive based on revised scope].

Thanks!

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Thanks very much [Nonresponsive based on revised scope]

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Lorie,

The document has been uploaded and the change is reflected in SEMS as well as SEMSPub. The link in the email below will lead to the redacted document.

Thanks!

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Lorie

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Can you please verify that the online document in the link below is the redacted version? I didn't see any redactions in the document and noticed some PII in the references that should have been redacted. I know the redacted versions are in SEMS but I can't get in this morning, maybe due to the Internet Explorer issues.

We want to send the link to a reporter today, so I just want to be positive we send him the reacted version.

Thanks!

Lorie

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Dan,

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Hey Lorie,
I was not sure if Connor was in today.
See below. If this information is available, I am wondering if DNREC has this on their website and we can just give them a URL.

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Team,

After sending the response to the reporter late Friday, we got the following follow-up question regarding if all 7 private wells (out of 54 tested) were tested for metals and if those results are available:

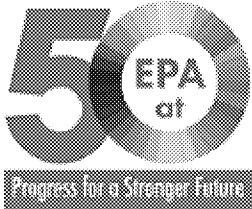
Reporter's follow-up questions (round 3):

"If I can just double-triple check the metals testing for private wells....

Seven private wells (out of 54 tested) were given treatment systems. Were all of those wells also tested for metals? If so, where can I find those results (if they're on the EPA's website for the proposal, the doc. number would do the trick)?"

Can we address these follow-up and send today?

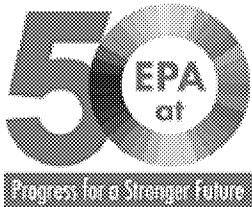
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Thanks, ma'am. Will send to reporter now.

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Good to go.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 17, 2020, at 4:14 PM, Landis, Jeffrey <Landis.Jeffrey@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Paul!

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Hi Jeff. This is good to go to the next step

Paul Leonard
Acting Director
Superfund and Emergency Management Division
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On Jan 17, 2020, at 3:06 PM, Landis, Jeffrey <Landis.Jeffrey@epa.gov> wrote:

Paul and Linda,

Sorry for the short turn, but your team developed, revised and is good to go with this EPA response to the reporter. Please see below and let me know if you're OK with me sending to our front office for approval. Thank you.

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Jeff,

The response looks ok to me. Thanks for coordinating.

Stepan

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OK. Yes, that makes more sense and I see that now – differentiating between PFAS and metals. Please see our revised response below and let me know ASAP if we can send forward:

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Reporter's additional/revised questions:

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4. I was hoping to speak with someone to specifically go over some of the sample results in Weston's final summary report dated June 2019 to better understand the concentrations and results, if there's any chance we could set up a phone call for that tomorrow. I'm not a scientist by any means, and am trying to make heads-or-tails of how bad this

contamination is, and what the potential threat to public health is, particularly for people on unregulated private wells (I do understand that the town's water is being treated, regulated and falling within Safe Drinking Water parameters).

5. Maybe shedding some light on how the EPA's HRS ranking works, and how Blades really ranks on a scale of some clean up needed to a Love Canal situation? Anything you all can do to help me keep this accurate and in perspective would be great.

Reporter's Original Questions:

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Thanks for the follow-up, Jeff.

Perhaps I'm misunderstanding the reporter's question. I thought the reporter is asking whether metals were tested for in the domestic wells:

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were or not? I'm not seeing any indication in the documentation that they were. If that's the case, could you tell me why not?

EPA did not test the wells for metals. DNREC did during a previous sampling event.

Stepan

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Jeff,

Lorie Baker (site assessment) and I prepared some additional responses that are
included below in red. I'm around this afternoon if you would like to discuss or have
further questions.

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Team,

Please be advised that after I reached out to the reporter late yesterday afternoon, she wrote back later (5 p.m. yesterday), said the deadline of having the information today was fine, but she posed a few additional questions, in addition to changing the verbiage of her initial follow-ups. Please see the questions and my quick evaluations/suggestions on how we handle:

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Please let me know if this is feasible to answer with a deadline of today. I am certainly willing to discuss with anyone in person about how to respond to this reporter. Thanks!

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Team,

Please see the revised version incorporating everyone's input as of 4:45 pm, 16 Jan 2020, that I hope to get to the front office tomorrow:

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Team,

Re-labeling the media request for tracking purposes. Also, I am about to head home, but I have not gotten a response from the reporter if a deadline of sometime tomorrow will work for her. I'll be in tomorrow morning.

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Subject: RE: Blades Superfund proposal follow-up/fact-check

Importance: High

Daniel,

Thanks. I think the response is very thorough. I have made some edits and wanted to make sure the information is still accurate before we vet it back through your program, your division director and then through our front office. Please see below (changes in red, questions in red italics):

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Hey Roy and Jeff,
I wanted to add you both to the chain we have for the request.
Please let me know if I should shorten our response, if we plan to respond via email or respond by a phone call.

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Blades Superfund proposal follow-up/fact-check

I added Connors information, Charlies and mine into one email. Let me know what you think. I am not in tomorrow so wanted to make sure I got this to the group.

EPA Region 3 Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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I also put together the below. I think between Connors, Charlies and mine we can have a decent summary.

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Connor – Thanks for taking the first crack at a response it's very thorough. I would suggest a more succinct answer and took a shot below using Connor's info. Please take a look and see if it is accurate.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: RE: Blades Superfund proposal follow-up/fact-check

Dan and Amanda,

Let me know if this may help to answer the reporter's question.

To respond to this reporter's question:

"I'd like to double-check on the status of metals contamination and get some clarity for our readers on why this site is being proposed vs. other PFAS sites in

Delaware, and to make sure I have the possible timeline of this process accurate.”

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thank you

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Hi Dan,

Thanks for raising this. It would be great if Connor, you and Amanda craft a draft response and then Amie and I can make sure the chain is comfortable before you get back to the reporter.

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Subject: FW: Blades Superfund proposal follow-up/fact-check

Connor, I thought part of this question may be relevant for you since it is talking about getting a Site listed.
Charlie and Amie, with the sensitivity about PFAS, I thought you should be aware of the question if there was a particular way management wants to address PFAS.

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Hello EPA team,

I have a couple simple follow-up questions about the proposal to list Blades' groundwater as a Superfund site. Amanda or Daniel, would either of you have a couple minutes to chat briefly today or tomorrow?

I'd like to double-check on the status of metals contamination and get some clarity for our readers on why this site is being proposed vs. other PFAS sites in Delaware, and to make sure I have the possible timeline of this process accurate.

I look forward to hearing from someone.

Thanks,

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